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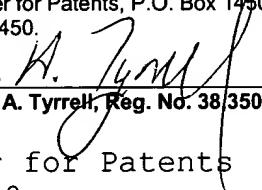
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

A Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee as well as a Petition for extension of time and the requisite fee are filed herewith.

Entry of the amendment filed March 28, 2005 is respectfully requested.

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Entry of the Supplemental Information Disclosure
Statement filed herewith is respectfully requested.

Entry the following amendments and remarks into the
record is also respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing
of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 19.